

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

# STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND NINE.

## MINORITY REPORT.

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AN ACT to divide the town of York, and establish the town  
of Yorktown.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. All that part of the town of York lying south-  
2 erly of the following described line, namely: Beginning at  
3 the northerly bound of the Portland road, so-called, at the  
4 Kittery line; thence by said northerly line of said Portland  
5 road to the thread of Cape Neddick River; thence south-  
6 westerly by said thread of Cape Neddick River to the At-  
7 lantic Ocean; thence by said shore line of the town of York  
8 to the boundary line between said York and Kittery; thence  
9 northwesterly by said Kittery line, together with the in-  
10 habitants thereof, is hereby set off from the town of York  
11 incorporated into a separate town by the name of Gorges,  
12 and said town of Gorges is hereby invested with all the  
13 powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and ob-  
14 ligations incident to other towns of the State, said town of

15 Gorges is to assume and pay for the new bridge, so-called,  
16 across York River at York Harbor, so that said town of  
17 York shall have no further concern or expense concerning  
18 said bridge.

Sect. 2. The several inhabitants of the town of Gorges  
2 shall be holden to pay all taxes which have been legally as-  
3 sessed upon them by the town of York, and the collectors  
4 of taxes for said town of York are hereby authorized and  
5 required to collect and pay all taxes to them already com-  
6 mitted according to their respective warrants. All moneys  
7 now in the treasury of said town of York and all sums  
8 which shall hereafter be received from taxes heretofore  
9 assessed, shall be applied to the several purposes for which  
10 they were raised, and in case of any excess, said excess  
11 shall be apportioned to the Towns of York and Gorges in  
12 proportion to the valuation of the property and polls as made  
13 April 1, 1908, and the treasurer of the town of York shall  
14 pay over to the treasurer of the town of Gorges such sums  
15 as may be found to be due said town of Gorges. The  
16 County Commissioners of York County shall make the ap-  
17 portionment.

Sect. 3. The existing liabilities and obligations of the  
2 town of York shall be divided as follows: The town debt  
3 shall be borne by said towns in proportion to the valuation  
4 of their respective territories as of April nineteen hundred  
5 and eight. The obligations of the town of York shall be

6 borne by each town in the foregoing proportion, except its  
7 contracts with the York Shore Water Company which shall  
8 be borne by each town in proportion to the number of hy-  
9 drants used by each. All paupers now supported by the aid  
10 of the town of York shall, after division, be maintained and  
11 supported by the town in whose territory they resided and  
12 they became paupers including the paupers now supported  
13 on the town farm and insane hospital. Each town shall  
14 henceforth bear all expenses for the care and maintenance of  
15 all roads and bridges within its respective limits.

Sect. 4. The high school building and lot with all the  
2 equipment connected therewith shall be the property of the  
3 two towns jointly. Said high school shall be maintained  
4 by the two towns in proportion to the valuation of the re-  
5 spective towns, and all appropriations therefor shall be  
6 based upon the valuation taken by the assessors of the re-  
7 spective towns in April next preceding the town meetings  
8 at which any appropriation is made therefor. The manage-  
9 ment and control of said high school shall be with the su-  
10 perintending school committee of the two towns acting joint-  
11 ly. All trust funds now or hereafter held or given for the  
12 maintenance of the high school in the town of York shall  
13 be under the direction and control of said superintending  
14 school committee of the two towns acting jointly.

Sect. 5. All the other property, real and personal, of the  
2 town of York shall be the property of the town in which it

3 is now located. It shall be appraised by the County Com-  
4 missioners of York County and each town shall be charged  
5 with the appraised value thereof.

The difference between the appraisal of the property taken  
7 by each town shall be paid by the town taking the larger  
8 amount and it shall be divided between the two towns in  
9 proportion to the valuation of their respective territories, as  
10 taken by the assessors in April, nineteen hundred and eight.

11 The books and papers and records of the town of York shall  
12 be retained by the town of Gorges, and each town shall  
13 have access to the same.

Sect. 6. Any justice of the peace or notary public of the  
2 county of York may issue his warrant to any legal voter in  
3 the town of Gorges directing him to notify the inhabi-  
4 tants thereof to meet at a time and place specified in said  
5 warrant, giving at least seven days notice therefor, for the  
6 choice of town officers, and to transact such business as  
7 towns are authorized to do.

STATE OF MAINE.

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The Committee on Towns to which was referred the Bill, entitled "An Act to divide the town of York and to establish the town of Yorktown have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the same in a new draft, under the title of "An Act to divide the town of York and to establish the town of Gorges, and that it ought to pass.

Per Order,

P. THERRIAULT.